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DED Announces \$14.9 Million Awarded Statewide for Community Improvement Assistance

The Missouri Department of Economic Development announced today that 101 community-based organizations throughout the state would receive more than \$14.9 million in state tax credits to help raise funds for projects that strengthen and revitalize Missouri neighborhoods.

These not-for-profit organizations, which focus on revitalizing neighborhoods and improving communities, will receive state tax credits through the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) administered by the Missouri Department of Economic Development. The program is designed to assist not-for-profit organizations raise private-sector funds by providing partial state tax credits to businesses that make contributions to approved community improvement projects.

"The quality of life in our communities plays a huge role in successful economic development efforts," said Governor Bob Holden. "An increased demand in the workplace for skilled workers is causing more companies to make location decisions based on where these workers live. We are proud to work with our communities and businesses to make Missouri neighborhoods safer, healthier and more attractive places to live."

Not-for-profit organizations participating in the NAP program provide services to help individuals in their community with crime prevention; education; job training; and physical revitalization; or provides community services such as counseling, day care, senior citizen centers, recreation, food, and transportation.

"The Neighborhood Assistance Program provides an incentive for businesses to get involved in the betterment of Missouri communities that results in a 'win-win' situation," said Joseph L. Driskill, DED director. "We understand the value and importance of this incentive, and we are pleased to be able to award NAP tax credits at a level similar to what has been awarded in the past."

Businesses can donate cash; materials, supplies or equipment; technical assistance and professional services; labor; real estate; or stocks and bonds.

Statewide, there were 101 organizations approved for NAP. These organizations will receive tax credits that will leverage approximately \$28 million in private contributions. Credits can equal up to 50 percent of the total amount contributed, or up to 70 percent for projects located in most rural areas. Since Missouri enacted NAP in 1979, more than 4,000 organizations in more than 270 cities have benefited. During that time, more than 40,000 donors have contributed in excess of \$220 million to projects administered by those groups.

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2004 Neighborhood Assistance Program Tax Credit Recipients

Organization Name	City	Tax Credits
Wildlife Rescue Center	Ballwin	\$33,754
Bolivar Area YMCA	Bolivar	\$250,000
Boonslick Habitat For Humanity, Inc.	Boonville	\$7,000
Youth Life Of Taney County	Branson	\$133,565
Good Samaritan Boys Ranch	Brighton	\$250,000
Horses Of Hope - Missouri, Inc.	Buffalo	\$350,000
Cabool Revitalization Group, Inc.	Cabool	\$100,863
California Progress, Inc.	California	\$303,100
Historic Campbell Development Corporation	Campbell	\$51,118
Historic Clarksville, Inc.	Clarksville	\$24,977
The Samaritan Center	Clinton	\$35,000
Clinton Main Street	Clinton	\$34,988
Central Missouri Counties Human Development Corporation	Columbia	\$103,660
Central Missouri Food Bank Network, Inc.	Columbia	\$250,000
Child Abuse & Neglect Emergency Shelter, Inc.	Columbia	\$250,000
Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, Inc.	East Prairie	\$350,000
Wyman Center, Inc.	Eureka	\$250,000
Good Samaritan Center of Excelsior Springs, Mo., Inc.	Excelsior Springs	\$70,779
Father Dunne's Newsboys' Home & Protectorate	Florissant	\$48,141
Marygrove, Inc.	Florissant	\$180,431
Hannibal Community Theatre, Inc.	Hannibal	\$100,050
Hope Coalition	Holden	\$191,940
Downtown Houston, Inc.	Houston	\$331,450
Three Trails Habitat For Humanity, Inc.	Independence	\$250,000
Dreams To Reality	Jefferson City	\$48,600
Child Advocacy Services Center, Inc. D.B.A. The Children's Place	Kansas City	\$37,500
Alphapointe Association For The Blind	Kansas City	\$240,874
Metropolitan Organization To Counter Sexual Assault	Kansas City	\$37,500
Don Bosco Community Centers, Inc.	Kansas City	\$88,394
Hallmark Cards, Inc.	Kansas City	\$250,000
YMCA Of Greater Kansas City	Kansas City	\$249,019
Della Lamb Community Services	Kansas City	\$100,000
Boys And Girls Clubs Of Greater Kansas City	Kansas City	\$105,332
Full Employment Council, Inc.	Kansas City	\$98,468
Wayside Waifs	Kansas City	\$102,844
Women's Employment Network	Kansas City	\$25,000
Rose Brooks Center, Inc.	Kansas City	\$100,000
Twelfth Street Heritage Development Corporation	Kansas City	\$250,000
Restart, Inc.	Kansas City	\$80,000
Christian Associates Of Table Rock Lake	Kimberling City	\$140,009
Missouri Girls Town Foundation, Inc.	Kingdom City	\$127,848
Laurie/Sunrise Beach Rotary Club	Laurie	\$176,148
Creative Communities	Malden	\$210,000
Citizens Realizing Our Potential, Inc.	Marquand	\$337,498
Butterfield Youth Services, Inc.	Marshall	\$268,140
Marshfield Child Development Center, Inc.	Marshfield	\$17,360
1st Kids	Marshfield	\$7,735
Osage Prairie Young Men's Christian Association, Inc.	Nevada	\$250,000
Newburg Community Revitalization Program Group	Newburg	\$225,902
St. Charles County Association Of Retarded Citizens, Inc.	O'Fallon	\$250,000
Salvation Army of St. Charles County	O'Fallon	\$147,786
Stone County Assistance Team	Reeds Spring	\$12,810
Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Charles County	St. Charles	\$215,680

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Emmaus Homes, Inc.	St. Charles	\$25,072
Bridgeway Counseling Services	St. Charles	\$250,000
Therapeutic Horsemanship, Inc.	St. Charles	\$50,000
Community Living, Inc.	St. Charles	\$22,836
Show-Me Aquatics & Fitness	St. Charles	\$250,000
Youth In Need, Inc.	St. Charles	\$125,000
Boys Town Of Missouri, Inc.	St. James	\$250,000
St. James Caring Center	St. James	\$129,125
Area Ministers For Christ, Inc.	St. Joseph	\$50,000
Operation Food Search, Inc.	St. Louis	\$250,000
Center Of Contemporary Arts (COCA)	St. Louis	\$249,000
Catholic Services For Children And Youth (CSC&Y)	St. Louis	\$241,657
Catholic Community Services	St. Louis	\$250,000
Christmas In April * Metro St. Louis	St. Louis	\$37,500
Opportunities Industrialization Centers of the Midwest	St. Louis	\$112,500
Lutheran Family & Children's Services of Missouri	St. Louis	\$148,843
Lydia's House, Inc.	St. Louis	\$50,000
Missouri Energycare, Inc. D.B.A. Energycare	St. Louis	\$25,000
American Red Cross St. Louis Area Chapter	St. Louis	\$117,402
Operation Brightside, Inc.	St. Louis	\$51,882
Catholic Charities of St. Louis, Inc.	St. Louis	\$100,000
St. Patrick Center	St. Louis	\$250,000
Grace Hill Settlement House	St. Louis	\$153,064
Good Shepherd School For Children	St. Louis	\$74,518
St. Louis Children's Hospital	St. Louis	\$149,035
Girl Scout Council of Greater St. Louis	St. Louis	\$112,170
Gateway Greening, Inc.	St. Louis	\$75,500
Alive, Inc.	St. Louis	\$28,296
St. Louis City Court Appointed Special Advocates	St. Louis	\$100,000
Herbert Hoover Boys And Girls Club	St. Louis	\$250,000
Grand Center, Inc.	St. Louis	\$250,000
Crown Center For Senior Living	St. Louis	\$109,000
Independence Center	St. Louis	\$120,250
United Methodist Metro Ministry	St. Louis	\$55,900
Life Skills Foundation for the Retarded, Inc.	St. Louis	\$30,000
United Services for the Handicapped in St. Charles County, Inc.	St. Peters	\$250,000
Boone Center, Inc.	St. Peters	\$75,000
Citizens Against Spouse Abuse, Inc.	Sedalia	\$52,959
Bootheel Food Bank	Sikeston	\$230,600
Ozarks Food Harvest	Springfield	\$250,000
YMCA of Springfield	Springfield	\$250,000
Springfield Landmarks Preservation Trust	Springfield	\$250,000
Van Buren Youth And Community Center	Van Buren	\$149,500
Versailles Nutrition Site	Versailles	\$175,000
Agape Ministry of Warrenton, Inc.	Warrenton	\$30,450
Loving Hearts Outreach	Washington	\$92,035
Love I.N.C. St. Charles County	Wentzville	\$232,507
Oakwood Life -Sharing Services, Inc.	West Plains	\$49,844